

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A device for tensioning and relieving production tubing, the production tubing extending from a subsea well up through a riser to a floating installation, wherein an extension of production tubing passes through a telescopic unit in an upper section of the riser, the device comprising:

a tubing tensioner disposed below and in the proximity of the lower end of the telescopic unit, the tubing tensioner comprising a cylinder section and a housing that is integrated in the riser, wherein the cylinder section comprises a piston and cylinder that are telescopically received by the housing;

the cylinder having plurality of ratchets adapted to engage an annular internal recess formed in a lower inner face of the housing;

the piston having an open inner diameter that forms a conduit between the production tubing and the production tubing extension and an outer diameter that is greater than the outer diameter of the production tubing; and

an inlet for supply of pressurized fluid to a lower chamber of the cylinder.

18. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 17, wherein the housing is a concentric tube having end portions provided with flanges suitable for complementary connection to the upper section of the riser and a lower end of the telescopic section.

19. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 17, wherein the cylinder comprises lower and upper gables.

20. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 19, wherein the lower gable comprises a plurality of recesses that each accommodate one of the plurality of ratchets, an upper end of each ratchet suspended in a swiveling manner from the gable such that the lower

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end of each ratchet swivels out primarily in a radial direction from the gable to project from the gable.

21. (Previously Presented) The arrangement of claim 19, wherein each ratchet comprises means for biasing the ratchet outward relative to the gable.

22. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 17, wherein an upper end portion of the production tubing extension is coupled to an above-sea tensioning apparatus.

23. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 22, wherein the above-sea tensioning apparatus comprises several pulleys, one or more wires, and one or more counterweights.